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Jason Rickabaugh
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By electronic mail only

Subject: Response to Citizen Comments, Geneva Rock Products, Point of the Mountain (South Hansen), M/035/0026, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rickabaugh:

In your electronic mail message sent March 29, 2016, addressed to Paul Baker, you asked the following four questions:

1. Does this number include the fines to the west of the freeway?
2. How does one determine what portion of the fines pond is actual disturbance?
3. Was that area part of the unused bonded land that was applied to the disturbance which is the subject of the last cessation order?
4. Did the Division approve part of the fines pond bonding to be transferred to the area which is the subject of the cessation order?

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining responds as follows:

As per the 2009 approved Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI), there are 288 bonded acres. Of these, 41 acres west of I-15 are included in the bond. On November 5, 2016, an additional \$32,581 was submitted to the Division for an additional 10 acres of disturbance as per cessation order MC2015-60-03. Currently there is adequate surety for 298 acres of disturbance.

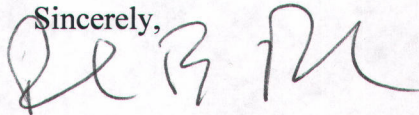
1. As noted above and on pages 10 and 11 of the approved NOI, there are 41 bonded acres west of I-15 which includes the fines pond.
2. All disturbance is measured in plan view and is measured in two-dimensional acres. As noted on pages 10 and 11 of the NOI, the fines pond is included in the bonded disturbance.
3. No. Additional bond monies were received on November 5, 2016.
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These responses should adequately address your questions and concerns, as the Division is able to do so within the scope of its authority. Please contact the Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 or me at 801-538-5261 with further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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cc: Hollie Brown, (holliebrown@utah.gov)

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